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SUBJ: INDIAN OCEAN POLICY

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1. OUR INDIAN OCEAN POLICY IS NOT A PROBLEM FOR US IN DACCA. WHILE BDG SUPPORTS THE INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AND HAS BEEN CRITICAL OF DIEGO GARCIA, IT HAS NOT MADE AN OFFICIAL ISSUE OF US PLANS NOR HAVE EFFORTS OF THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL AND OTHERS TO CONDEMN US BEEN EFFECTIVE. NO ONE, WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT, EVER RAISES THE ISSUE WITH US. THE ONE EVENT THAT WOULD MAKE IT AN INTENSE DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE TO BENGALIS--STILL SMARTING FROM THE 1971 VENTURE OF THE ENTERPRISE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN--WOULD BE THE APPEARANCE IN OR NEAR CHITTAGONG OF US NAVAL FORCES.

2. WE AGREE, HOWEVER, WITH AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN THAT A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY EXPLANATION IS DESIRABLE, AT A MINIMUM FOR OUR OWN CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE POLICY. THE KEY TO GOING PUBLIC WOULD BE DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE TIME AND FORUM. WE CAN APPRECIATE THE ARGUMENTS FOR NOT SAYING ANYTHING; AN INITIATIVE ON OUR PART WOULD CREATE RENEWED ATTENTION IN DACCA AS WELL. BUT SUCH ARGUMENTS APPEAR TO PRESUPPOSE THAT THE ISSUE WILL GO AWAY. WE FEAR IT WILL NOT, AND UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED WITH A STATEMENT ANJSTRATEGY, WE MAY BE INCREASINGLY ON THE DEFEN-

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